

APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method of processing image data of a color image for marking, the color image containing overmarked pixels where at least one first color is to be overmarked by a second color, the method comprising:

generating information that designates the overmarked pixels;

performing raster image processing to create a raster image of the color image, the raster image processing including overmarking processing that allows both the at least one first color and the second color to be included in the overmarked pixels in the same raster image; and

modifying image data of the overmarked pixels in the raster image.

10. (Amended) A system that processes image data of a color image for marking, the color image containing overmarked pixels where at least one first color is to be overmarked by a second color, the system comprising:

an overmarked pixel designator that generates information that designates the overmarked pixels;

a raster image processor that creates a raster image of the color image, the raster image processor provided with an overmarking function that allows both the at least one first color and the second color to be included in the overmarked pixels of the same raster image; and

an image data modification unit that modifies image data of the overmarked pixels in the raster image.